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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU RESTRAINED ON RETURN TO CYPRUS

1. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU RETURNED TO CYPRUS AUG 21 AFTER
SOME TWO WEEKS V VJNPION#IN GREECE DURING WHICH HE MET
SEVERAL TIMES WITH GREEK POLITICAL LEADERS. UPON ARRIVAL
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IN CYPRUS, KYPRIANOU MADE BRIEF SPEECH IN WHICH HE SAID
HVGEQJHQRUN# "ABSOLUTE UNANIMITY" OF VIEWS WITH GREEK
LEADERS, THAT CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS ENTERING NEW PHASE IN
WHICH HE HOPED "INTERNATIONAL FACTOR" WOULD EXERT
PRESSURE ON TURKEY, AND THAT HE WOULD BRIEF PEOPLE
FULLY AFTER A MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL WHICH WOULD
BE HELD VERY SOON. PRESIDENT ALSO SAID HE HAD FOUND

IN GREECE A GROWING AWARENESS OF THE SIGNIFICANCE A
"GOOD OR BAD OUTCOME OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM" HELD FOR
GREEK NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

2. COMMENT. FROM THESE BRIEF COMMENTS, WE BELIEVE WE
DETECT A MORE RESTRAINED MOOD IN KYPRIANOU'S APPROACH.
HE SAID NOTHING PROVOCATIVE OR OUTRAGEOUS, AND HE DID
NOT MENTION A RECOURSE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, A PHRASE
WHICH WAS CONSTANTLY ON HIS TONGUE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE
FOR GREECE. HE WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ON TWO ISSUES
TO WHICH RIGHTWING PRESS HERE HAS BEEN DEMANDING ANSWERS:
WHETHER MAKARIOS-DENKTASH AGREEMENTS OF 1977 HAVE BEEN
IN EFFECT WITHDRAWN BY GOC AND WHETHER THERE INDEED EXISTS
"COMPLETE UNANIMITY" OF VIEWS BETWEEN GREEKS AND GREEK
CYPRIOT LEADERS. ON SECOND QUESTION, SEVERAL PAPERS
HAVE POINTED OUT THAT IT IS LOGICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR
KYPRIANOU TO INSIST THAT HIS VIEWS COINCIDE EXACTLY WITH
THOSE OF BOTH PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS AND PASOK LEADER
PAPANDREAU SINCE THESE TWO GREEK LEADERS DIFFER DRASTICALLY
ON APPROACH TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE WILL BE IN BETTER
POSITION TO ASSESS KYPRIANOU'S MOOD AND PLANS AFTER HIS
PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS.
END COMMENT.
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